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Words of Wisdom to VES Grads



Jorge Bell Contreras shared words of wisdom and gave advice to fifth-grade graduates during a commencement ceremony on June 4 at Visitacion Valley Elementary School. More photos and story on page 3.

Volunteers Needed to Participate in Visitacion Valley Neighborhood Day

Organizers of Visitacion Valley's second annual *Neighborhood Day*, scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 7, are calling for volunteers to assist with various committees created to help make the event run smoothly. This year's event will center on three Valley locations: Visitacion Valley Family School, the Elementary School playground, and Visitacion Valley Park and will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The theme of this year's *Neighborhood Day* will be *Celebrate Diversity*, with the celebration committee hoping to distribute announcements for the event in Samoan, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese and Tagalog.

Organizers are also considering to have the event videotaped and to have *Neighborhood Day* tee-shirts.

Several working committees organized to handle various aspects of the event include: a production commit-

tee to handle a stage and equipment for entertainment; a safety committee to coordinate with the police department and volunteers to create a safe environment for all participants; a fundraising committee to handle the event's various expenses; a public relations and outreach committee to coordinate media outreach; a service provider coordination committee to inform service providers in the neighborhood of the event; and separate committees to coordinate the day's entertainment, food and refreshments, and clean up after the event has ended. A small parade is also being planned in conjunction with the event.

Next meeting of the *Neighborhood Day* planning committee is scheduled for Tuesday, July 13, 10 a.m. at the Visitacion Valley Community Center, 50 Raymond Ave. Further information is available by calling 274-6763.

HUD Nominates S.F. Organizations for Best Practices Awards

WASHINGTON - Housing and Urban Development Secretary Andrew Cuomo announced on June 15 that 17 organizations and projects in San Francisco have been nominated for HUD's Best Practices Awards.

The "Best Practices" designation describes HUD-funded programs that are maximizing resources by using innovative methods to make a significant difference in the lives of the people in the communities they serve.

The top 100 HUD grant recipients recognized for their exemplary use of HUD funding will receive the Best Practices Awards at HUD's 1999 Best Practices and Technical Assistance Symposium called Building a Better Tomorrow in Kansas City later this month.

"Many local governments and groups are successfully using HUD assistance for innovative programs to revitalize communities and bring new opportunities to American families," said Cuomo. "They are building affordable housing, sparking economic development, creating jobs, expanding home ownership and helping homeless people become self-sufficient. By recognizing these success stories, which we call best practices, we will help communities across the nation learn from each other."

A HUD best practice is defined as a program management tool or technique that fulfills at least two of the following characteristics: 1) Generates a significant positive impact on those it is intended to serve or manage; 2) Can be replicated in other areas of the country, region, or local jurisdiction; 3) Demonstrates the effective use of partnerships among government agencies, nonprofit organizations, or private businesses; 4) Displays creativity in addressing a problem, and demon-

strates effective leveraging of resources.

More than 3,000 nominations were received nationwide in the following categories: Fighting for Fair Housing; Increasing Affordable Housing and Homeownership; Reducing Homelessness; Promoting Jobs and Economic Opportunity; Empowering People and Communities; and Restoring Public Trust.

Best Practices Nominees

Heritage Homes: The Geneva Towers Heritage Homes project involves the demolition of two high-rise buildings and the development of low rise garden apartments in its place. The project will provide 148 units of affordable housing, along with an on-site community center, and a separate county-managed recreation center. Social services, health care, day care, job counseling and other services will be provided by these two centers. As a result of the project, redevelopment of the surrounding area is taking place. New mixed-income developments are being constructed in the neighborhood along with a new police substation, new senior housing and new businesses.

Housing Discrimination: Restrictive Covenants: This project was formed to eliminate race restrictive covenants. Race restrictive covenants are common in subdivisions developed in the 1930s and 1940s. They are still regularly disseminated to prospective homebuyers by title and escrow companies, county recorders, real estate agents, and homeowners' associations.

Section 8 Communication and Collaboration: San Francisco housing Authority (SFHA) has implemented an enhanced communication and collaboration process with its current and prospective Section 8 property owners to

Masked Robbers Hold Up Visitacion Valley Post Office

Two men wearing bandanas to conceal their faces robbed the Visitacion Valley Post Office just before noon on June 30.

Three patrons at the post office, located at 68 Leland Ave., and two employees on duty were ordered to lie down on the floor by one robber, who stood guard with a gun in the facility's lobby while his accomplice jumped over the counter and proceeded to take an undetermined amount of money from the two operating cash drawers.

When leaping back over the counter, the masked man nearly missed stepping on a female customer still lying on the floor who was carrying an infant in a harness on her back. Both men then fled through the front door onto Leland Avenue.

Authorities are offering a \$50,000 reward for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of both robbers.

Organizations Benefit From Valley Christian Education Group

Having set a goal to extend its support to fledgling congregations and missions in various parts of the world, Visitacion Valley's *Foundation for Christian Education* has already made contributions to several congregations by providing funding and influential books and magazines extolling virtues of the Christian faith.

Recent beneficiaries have sent the Foundation letters of appreciation for its assistance, included four organizations located in the Philippines: Tribal Mission Philippines, Inc.; First Evangelical Church, located in San Pablo City; Jesus Lives Christian Ministry of Caloocan City; and the Good Seed United Methodist Church, located in Minalan City.

Friends Field Day for Kids

New Rider Survey of Muni Metro Finds More Trains, Fewer Delays

A survey of 5,400 Muni Metro riders during a two-week period in May shows shorter delays and more multi-car trains in service over a similar baseline survey conducted last December.

Goals of the second survey were to gauge whether riders had noticed improvements and in what areas since the first survey, and to prioritize passengers' concerns for future efforts. Of those riders surveyed: 36 percent have noticed more multi-car trains in use, 48 percent have experienced fewer delays in the tunnel, 52 percent say that delays, when they do occur, are typically shorter, and 45 percent say they generally wait less time for their trains than they did six months ago.

"These numbers indicate that, step-by-step, we are making progress on improving Muni Metro," said Mayor Willie Brown. "However, I want to emphasize that we have a distance to travel before San Francisco has the first class transit system it deserves."

Results of the survey were compiled from forms distributed at Muni Metro stations, at major Metro stops and on the trains themselves. Riders were also

able to respond online at the Muni Metro Delivery Team's website at www.sf munimetro.org.

The profile of respondents closely matched actual Muni Metro ridership. For instance, 76 percent identified themselves as peak riders, and these riders reported a greater awareness of change than did non-peak riders.

"This makes sense, because we have focused our attention on improving service and reliability during peak commute hours," said Muni General Manager Michael Burns. "In the last six months, we have targeted those areas of most concern to Muni Metro riders."

In addition, the number of respondents on each Metro line closely matched a breakdown of total ridership. On the N-Judah line, 1,946 responded; on the M-Ocean View, 1,782; on the L-Taraval, 1,757 responded; on the K-Inglewood, 1,520 responded, and on the J-Church, 881 responded.

"Years of neglect cannot be alleviated overnight," added Burns, "but I am confident that with the Mayor's support, we will continue to move forward."

Drug Abuse Causing More Abandoned Babies

A new study shows that the number of abandoned babies is increasing, with substance abuse one of the leading reasons for the problem, Knight-Ridder Newspapers reported June 9.

According to the report by the U.S. Health and Human Services Department (HSS), the number of boarder babies increased 38 percent, from 9,700 in 1991 to 13,400 in 1998. Boarder babies are infants medically ready to leave the hospital but stranded for lack of suitable homes.

"I think there had been a sense that the boarder baby problem was disappearing. We're under an illusion," said researcher Elyse Kaye, who headed the study. She added that while a few big cities have made progress with the problem of babies left in hospitals, it continues to be a persistent problem in most hospitals, and has spread to smaller cities.

The report also found that the number of abandoned babies rose 46 percent, from 11,900 in 1991 to 17,400 in 1998. Abandoned babies are infants being treated but unlikely to go home with their biological parents.

The report further found that about two-thirds of all the babies were exposed to drugs, with a small fraction testing positive for HIV.

According to the study, the persistent national drug problem and the spread of drug use in smaller cities and rural areas are contributing to the increase in abandoned and boarder babies. The spread of crack cocaine and methamphetamine appear to be key factors in the fate of many abandoned babies.

"We're seeing different trends coincide," said Michael Kharfen, a spokesman for HSS. "Substance abuse is the leading factor in why these children are

coming into foster care."

Gretchen Buchenholz, executive director of the Association to Benefit Children, is concerned about the apparent spread of abandoned and boarder babies. The New York-based advocacy group has sued to fight what she calls the warehousing of babies.

"I think there's some national work to be done on this issue," Buchenholz said. "Drug treatment and prevention, and once the baby is born, we need a national system to be sure the babies aren't housed in hospitals."

Join Together Online

More Funding Wanted For 2000 Census

U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA) on June 3 called on the Senate Appropriations Committee to approve the U.S. Census Bureau's request for additional funding to achieve a more accurate census in 2000.

"Almost 22,000 people in San Francisco and over 800,000 Californians were not counted in the 1990 census," said Boxer. "This means that California has not been getting its fair share of federal funding."

Among other things, census data is used to allocate federal funds for programs such as Head Start, Social Security, health care, job training and legal services provided under the Older Americans Act.

On June 1, the Census Bureau announced it would need \$4.6 billion for Census 2000, including funds for community outreach to increase participation and the funds for use of statistical sampling to estimate the number of people who do not respond to the Bureau's questionnaire.

Friends Field Day for Kids



The 28th annual Friends Field Day for Kids, co-sponsored by the Friends of Recreation & Parks and the S.F. Recreation and Park Department, will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 5 in Sharon Meadow, Golden Gate Park. A variety of games, toss races, pitching and a jumping dinosaur will delight children. The event is free.

Progress in Moving San Francisco Forward

by Mayor Willie Brown

Nothing brings me greater joy as Mayor of San Francisco than traveling around our city and seeing tangible improvements in every district. We are a city in which new neighborhoods are being created and new services are being demanded. Yet, even as we embrace the future, we respect the past and the traditions which have made our city one-of-a-kind.

City-wide, we have some very good news to report.

Violent crime is down nearly 40 percent in the last four years. An emphasis on community policing has paid off. We're going to build a new Northern Police Station. We are also accelerating the recruitment of new police officers this year by budgeting for 200 new officers. This will help maintain full staffing. To help keep our children safe, I am adding 26 new police officers to our schools. We plan to build a new Central Police Station and we've funded a new crime lab at Hunters Point Shipyard. We've also cracked down on people who speed through town, blow stop signs, and run red lights. Let's all slow down a little and watch out for one another on the streets.

Our economy is booming and unemployment is at 3.5 percent--half of what it was four years ago. We have recruited new, high-wage industries into the city such as film-making.

Recycling Batteries And Glass in the City

by Debby Dunn, Public Outreach Coordinator, S.F. Recycling Program

San Franciscans often have questions about recycling. To help provide more information and improve recycling, this column will answer recycling questions and give waste prevention tips each month.

Q Where can I recycle my batteries?

A Most batteries can be recycled at a variety of places (see below). To reduce the number of batteries you recycle, and to save money, buy rechargeable batteries. While they are initially more expensive, many rechargeable nickel-cadmium (Ni-Cad) batteries can last up to 1,000 charges. Rechargeable alkaline batteries only last about 30 charges.

Basic Household Batteries

Flashlight, Walkman and watch batteries, which are usually alkaline or zinc-carbon, can be recycled at the following locations (call for hours): Cole Hardware 70 4th St., 777-4400; Cole Hardware, 956 Cole, 753-2653; Standard Plumbing, 1019 Clement, 221-1888; Rainbow Grocery, 1745 Folsom, 863-0621.

Ni-Cad and other rechargeable batteries (often used for cell phones, laptop computers, and cordless power tools) can be taken to over 50 locations around the City, including all Radio Shack and Ace Hardware stores. If your company generates a lot of rechargeable batteries, call RBRC at 1-800-8BATTERY for help in setting up your own battery recycling program.

Car Batteries

There are several companies in the Bay Area that will take your old car battery. Amp King will even pay you \$1 for your old battery. For their location and hours, call (415) 648-7650.

All Types of Batteries

Besides being recyclable, batteries contain hazardous materials and should not be disposed of in the garbage. San Francisco residents can take all types of batteries, along with your other unwanted household chemicals, to the San Francisco Household Haz-

ardous Waste Collection Facility operated by the City and Sanitary Fill Company. The facility is open every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call the Hazardous Waste Hotline at (415) 554-4333 for instructions on how to package your waste for transportation and directions to the facility.

Batteries collected from these programs are shipped to a battery recycling facility in Nevada where the metals are extracted from them and used in other materials or made into new batteries.

Q What types of glass are recyclable?

A All glass containers, including bottles and jars are recyclable. You do not need to remove the paper labels (these burn off in the glass furnace).

In addition, containers do not have to be clean (a bit of food residue is not a problem). Do not recycle ceramic dishes or mugs. These are made from a different type of glass and will contaminate the glass load.

Glass is not only easy to recycle, but it can be recycled indefinitely (that glass container you used this morning could have glass in it that was manufactured during the Gold Rush), and it is recycled right here in the Bay area. About 80% of the glass containers remain intact during the collection and sorting process. During the sorting process, they are separated into three groups by color: green, clear, and brown. The containers are then sold to glass manufacturers who grind the glass and size it down to be fired in a furnace. The broken pieces are either sold to bottle manufacturers to make new bottles or to fiberglass companies where they are ground into a fine powder and used for fiberglass insulation.

Waste Prevention Tip of the Month

Have a waste-free barbecue. Just follow the simple suggestions below to reduce waste and save money:

* Use reusable plates, cups, and utensils (this reduces costs by 93 percent per year).

* Use cloth napkins and table clothes.

* Use reusable containers for serving dishes and then for leftovers.

* Use metal skewers instead of wooden skewers for shish kabob.

* Use tin foil instead of saran (tin foil can be recycled in the curbside program).

* Compost your non-edible food leftovers.

For more waste prevention tips, call the San Francisco Recycling Program and request the Environmental Shopping Guide. If you have questions or article ideas that you would like to see in coming issues, please call (415) 554-3400 or e-mail sfreecycle@ci.sf.ca.us. I look forward to hearing from you!

or disciplined hundreds of errant drivers; opened the Embarcadero Line; saved the F Line; hired new supervisors to stop bus "hunching," implemented the "next bus" pilot program on the 22 Fillmore; and most importantly, hired Michael Burns, a transit expert with more than 20 years of experience to run Muni. We'll be doing more--such as replacing more than half of the aging rolling stock in the next two years, continuing with our five-year program to replace the aging track system. We are moving forward with one ballot measure this fall which, if passed, will result in a major overhaul of the way Muni is run. Reliability and safety are my two top goals.

We've increased community and recreational services, which translate into a better quality of life for us all. We've increased library hours and broken ground for a new library in the OMI District. We've opened five new Beacon Schools, with three more on the way, and by the end of the year, we'll have opened 10 new Senior Centrals. Remember the Excelsior Youth Center I promised to build for years ago? It's up and running and serving twice as many kids as we expected. I've cut the ribbons on playgrounds in the Tenderloin, Bernal Heights, Chinatown, Yerba Buena Gardens, and Civic Center and kicked one of the first balls in play at the restored Beach Chalet soccer fields.

Some of the best ideas I've received have come from the citizens of San Francisco and that's why my Open Door Day has been a highlight for me for the past three-and-a-half years. On the first Saturday of every month, I invite 25-30 San Franciscans to come and spend 10 minutes with me in my office. From these sessions, I have adopted ideas, hired new staffers, made commission appointments, and learned something new and fascinating from each person. If you haven't come in to see me, call my office at 554-7111 and they'll let you know how to get a ticket. I look forward to meeting you.

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Narrative: On 05/01/99 at 12:05 hrs., suspect forced his way into the residence at San Benito Way. Suspect was confronted by victim. Suspect left through kitchen rear door and exited through garage to the street.

Suspect contained wallet containing credit card and money. Suspect gave name as Joe Mandrell. Suspect left 2-foot prints at scene.

Contact: Inspector Michael Wilcox and Richard Leon, Burglary Detail (415) 553-1351 at Operations Center (415) 553-1071. **Case #:** 990538700.

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Problems with S.F. Real Estate Market

Dear Editor:

I am both a real estate appraiser and a property owner in Noe Valley in San Francisco. I purchased a duplex with a tenant-in-common partner. She made it impossible for me to live in my own unit. Now I find that if she and I settle, I still cannot live in my own unit because rather than

leave it empty and be able to make the payments I had to rent it.

It is dangerous to the real estate market and to the economy of San Francisco for property buyers/owners to be unable to live in their own properties. With the high cost of housing in the City, *tenants-in-common* has become a viable ownership issue. If property owners are unable to occupy their units, they do not buy. When there are no buyers for real estate, there is no value for real estate. This creates a lower tax base as Proposition 13 also limited the real estate taxes that could be collected. When the tax base is low, other services suffer as well. This is a down-spiraling process in which the City by the Bay can only lose.

There is an active rent board under which tenants may voice their problems with landlords and this continues to strengthen the tenants' rights. This is the way the process should work, not by enforcing artificial controls.

Mr. Willie Brown is already choosing routes in which Section 8 and low-income renters are being forced to leave the City and now he is forcing entry-level and small property owners out as well. This is unfair to tenants as well. This creates a similar atmosphere as the old Berkeley, where there was no incentive to renovate properties because there was little, if any, value to the buildings or the open market.

Please help us to educate both tenants and property buyers of all sides of this dangerous issue so that an informed decision can be made.

Thank you,

Joselle L. Merritt-Dennis

S.F. in the 1950s

KRON-TV looks at San Francisco during the 1950s in a one-hour documentary airing Wednesday, July 14 at 9 p.m. on Channel 4, and repeated on Sunday, July 18 and 25, and Aug. 1 and 6 at 8 p.m. on Bay TV Cable Channel 35.

Wanted for Burglary



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CURB IT!

Remember to recycle used motor oil and filters at the curb on your regular recycling day.

Use a secure plastic container with screw top lids to recycle used oil. Tape lids closed if necessary.

After your first pick-up a free 2.5 gallon replacement container will be placed at the curb for you.

If you don't have your own container to recycle oil, you can pick up a 2.5 gallon plastic container at one of the following distribution centers:

Columbia Park Boys and Girls Club
163 London St., (415) 334-2582

Mission YMCA
4080 Mission St., (415) 586-6900

PUC-SPEAC
3801 - 3rd Street, (415) 695-7310

SLUG
2088 Oakdale Ave., (415) 285-7584

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Prolong the Life Of Those Summer Fruits and Veggies

(ARA) Sun-ripened tomatoes, succulent melons and lightening bugs are sure signs that summer finally has arrived. While most people don't expect a lightening bug to last very long once it is trapped in a jar (with the exception of many disappointed toddlers), we know our summer fruits and vegetables will stay

fresh if we put them in the refrigerator. Right? That's what the "crisper" is for, or is it?

Unfortunately, mushy tomatoes, rotten melons and brown lettuce also are common signs of summer for many. Try as you might bag 'em, wrap them in paper towels, add synthetic preservatives your fruits and vegetables probably won't outlast your sunburn. Until now, Alpine Industries, North America's largest manufacturer of indoor air and water purification systems, has come up with a solution for the summer soggies.

It's called ReFresh. About the size of a Mason jar, this small purifier reduces microbiological contamination, slows spoilage and increases freshness in foods when placed in the refrigerator.

"Putting food inside a refrigerator does not safeguard it from indoor contaminants that creep inside, causing odors and spoilage—it's like a false

Law Enforcement Now Using New Flashlight With Alcohol Sensor

A new flashlight containing an alcohol sensor is helping law enforcement officials identify drunk drivers at police roadblocks, CNN reported June 16.

Called "The Sniffer," the device is manufactured by PAS Systems in Fredericksburg, Va. It is designed to sample air from in or around a person's head area and analyze it for the presence of alcohol vapors.

"I put it up to the window. Then I push this top button when I ask him say what's your address and this little yellow light comes on and tells me that the pump's working and it sucks air into the flashlight!" explained Lou Gregoire, who is with Georgia's Gwinnett County DUI Task Force. "If you get the highest red read-out there then the ambient level inside the car is going to be a 12 or more. Now that doesn't necessarily mean that the driver has had a lot to drink, but somebody in there has been drinking a lot or they've spilled some alcohol inside the car recently."

The device was developed by researchers under the direction of various insurance and highway safety organizations, including the National Highway Traffic Administration.

"It uses an electrochemical fuel-cell sensor, and this sensor is highly specific and analytical for alcohol and only alcohol," said Jarel Kelsey, president of PAS Systems.

Gregoire said the device helps to identify drivers who are legally drunk but have blood alcohol levels too low to pick up with the nose alone. "We probably are picking up 20 to 30 percent more people that we wouldn't be able to detect without the use of the flashlight," he said.

Some, however, say the device is an invasion of privacy, even though its results cannot be used as evidence in court. "If you see someone driving badly, stop them and see why they're driving badly," said Casey Raskob, attorney for the National Motorists Association. "Don't sit at a road-block and shine flashlights at people."

But Gregoire stressed that the device is not intrusive. "It's not where they're having to provide a sample," he said. "We're not checking if you're sitting in a car and I'm talking to you. I'm not checking your breath. I'm checking the ambient air coming from the cabin."

The Sniffer, which costs \$600, has been purchased by hundreds of law enforcement agencies, schools and correctional institutions in the United States, and by officials in countries ranging from South Africa to South Korea.

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sense of security," said John Frank, director of technical services at Alpine Industries, the manufacturer of ReFresh. "That's why we developed the ReFresh product. It's a natural addition to our home environment products and appliances that focus on providing a cleaner, healthier environment for people at home, work and play."

ReFresh operates by using four D-size batteries to emit ozone, one of the most powerful disinfectants and oxidants. Ozone kills microbial contaminants like Escherichia coli (E. coli), Listeria, Salmonella, Giardia and Cryptosporidium more effectively than conventional disinfectants. In fact, ozone kills E. coli more than 3,000 times faster than commonly used chemicals.

A side benefit of ozone is that it leaves behind no chemical residue. The product sells for \$55, and comes with a 3-year parts and labor warranty. With its compact size, ReFresh fits unobtrusively inside a refrigerator. Even the nosiest neighbor isn't going to notice it at the next barbecue. Just don't blame Alpine when you become the summer's most in-demand chef.

"Since Alpine unveiled its first air purifier over ten years ago, we have been researching other applications for our patented ionization technology," said Bill Converse, founder and president of Alpine Industries.

"When you combine the increasingly dangerous occurrences of food contamination and poisoning with ozone's proven effectiveness in reducing microbiological contamination, we saw a perfect product niche. Now consumers and restaurant owners have an easy-to-maintain tool to help prolong freshness and reduce bacteria, making the foods they eat and serve safer and more appetizing."

For more details about how ReFresh can keep your refrigerated foods fresh for longer periods of time during all seasons, call your local Alpine dealer or Alpine Industries at 1-800-989-2299.

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Celebration Will Honor Goodlett

Sometimes a man's spirit outlives the man himself and goes on to inspire those who live after him. Such a spirit belonged to physician, Sun Reporter newspaper publisher and advocate Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett.

In honor of this pioneering Bay Area leader, an 84th birthday celebration with a pictorial essay will be held at 12 noon on Friday, July 23 at City Hall featuring a performance by the Voices of St. Mark.

Later that day at 6 p.m., a reception will be held at the West Bay Conference Center, 1290 Fillmore St., featuring a series of community dialogues sponsored by the Carlton B. Goodlett Institute.

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Visitacion Valley Community Center Senior Program

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Pat Crocker: Director**

Proof is When the Pudding Comes Off

(ARA) Learning doesn't have to stop when school is out for the summer. For many parents it represents a chance for more quality time with their children. And that can mean something as simple as teaching them how to do the dishes.

Thanks to the plethora of super-efficient dishwashers and time-saving cleaning products, post-meal tidy-ups are so easy and quick that children really enjoy helping out.

"Doing the dishes is an interactive family activity that gives your children a great sense of accomplishment," explained home care expert Gerry Luepke. "And if you use your dishwasher correctly, you can be in and out of the kitchen in no time—particularly if you use an automatic dishwasher detergent like Electrasol Tabs that you just drop into the main dishwasher detergent dispenser. With no mess, no measuring and no waste, these dual action cleaning tablets not only make dishes, glasses and cookware look better than ever before—they're so easy to use that your children are eager to assist Mom and Dad with kitchen clean-up."

Here are some additional dishwasher tips from Luepke to help you clean up your act this summer:

*Make sure your water heater temperature is at least 125F

*Scrape large pieces of food from dishes and cookware and load dishwasher-safe items so that soiled surfaces face water sprays. Do not block the spray to the top rack.

*Instead of crowding or stacking dishes in the racks, leave adequate room for wash and rinse waters to reach every item.

*Alternate plates of various sizes so they don't rub against or chip each other. Likewise, when loading stemware, securely position the glasses between the cushioned prongs, again leaving plenty of room between items.

*Try to only wash full loads, using the shortest appropriate cycle and Air Dry option for maximum energy efficiency.

*Use an automatic dishwasher detergent such as Electrasol Tabs, Powder and Gel. Approved by leading dishwasher manufacturers, Electrasol with baking soda makes dishes so clean they sparkle.

*To make sure dishes come out without spots and film use Jet Dry, a product that works in the rinse cycle where detergents cannot. Jet Dry helps items dry faster and dishes, glasses, flatware, cookware and plastic come out clean and shiny. Refill your rinse agent dispenser in the door once a month with Jet Dry rinse agent. For machines without a dispenser, use Jet Dry Solid.

For more information or questions on automatic dishwashing, contact Luepke toll-free at (800) 284-2023.

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Awards for VVES Graduates



New "sixth" graders sang "Because You Loved Me" proudly at the end of the ceremony.



Principal Vincent Chao with Mr. Spearman and Mrs. Castillo presenting promotion certificates to Jessica and Eric.



Mrs. P. Flores proudly presented trophies to Anthony and Ruth.

Congratulations were in order for 81 fifth-graders graduating from Visitacion Valley Elementary School (VVES) who were promoted on June 4 to middle school. Keynote speaker Jorge Contreras, director of the Latino Family Center and counselor at City College of San Francisco shared with the youngsters his personal life experiences while giving them both sound advice and encouragement.

Receiving VVES awards were: Raquel Pinzon and Roberto Salazar, presented the *Rising Star in Academics* by teacher Mrs. Flores; Ruth Clay and Anthony Alatava presented the *Rising Star in Citizenship* also by

Mrs. Flores, Ely Galang and Eric Wong for *Outstanding Community Service*; Ruben Donahan and Alice Tan for *Outstanding Academics*, presented by teacher Ms. Duong; Torrey Dixon and Aleala Silifava for *Outstanding Scholar Athlete*; Francis Asuncion and May Lee for *Outstanding Citizenship*, presented by teacher Mrs. Baker-Cohn; Mariangeles Morales and John Yu received the *Rev. Mark Conradt Memorial Award* presented by John King, Jr. for St. James Presbyterian Church; and Maurice William received the *Cheryl Hackett Memorial Award* presented by Mr. Vincent Gagliardo, a Valley neighbor.

Visitacion Valley Dental Office Albert Kuan, D.D.S.



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Police Report**

To provide information on any of the following cases, Phone 911 and give a complete physical description and case number to the police dispatcher.

*On May 19 between 4:00 a.m. and 1:53 p.m., a resident in the 5000 block of Diamond Heights Blvd came home and found that an unknown suspect forced entry into his apartment by prying the front door lock and fleeing with a coin collection, clothing, CDs, and stereo speakers. No suspect description available. Case 990610341.

*On May 19 at 12:25 p.m., in response to a citizen's complaint of drug activity in the area, undercover officers conducted a surveillance in the area of Bayshore and Hilton and arrested a male suspect for possession of heroin, possession of marijuana, probation violation and giving false information to a police officer. Case 990609441.

*On May 19 between 9:00 a.m. and 2:45 p.m., the victim came home and found that an unknown person entered his residence located in the 400 block of Raymond Street by smashing the front window with an unknown object, and fleeing with a safe, jewelry, cash and passports. No suspect description available. Case 990636610.

*On May 19 at 10:40 p.m., a male suspect was arrested at Sunnydale at Santos Street for an outstanding warrant.

*Between May 20 at 5:17 p.m. and May 21 at 10:30 a.m. at the Silver Tree Building, an unknown suspect vandalized the entire building by shooting paint balls at it. No suspect information available. Case 990618709.

*On May 20 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., the victim came home on the unit block of Robinhood Drive to discover that an unknown person had preyed open a side door to his home and left with computer equipment, cash, and jewelry. No suspect description. Case 990616082.

*On May 20 at 5:10 p.m., responding to numerous citizen's complaints of illegal drug sales in the 100 block of Kelloch Street, officers conducted undercover surveillance

of the area and arrested two male suspects for outstanding warrants. Case 990616101.

"On May 21 at 12:42 a.m., officers responded to a bar located in the 3100 block of Mission Street on the report of a fight in progress. The two victims stated that they were inside the bar when one of them accidentally bumped into the suspect. The suspect attempted to fight one of the victims inside the bar. Both victims decided to leave, at which time they were followed outside and assaulted by the suspect and his friend. The victims sustained cuts and bruises, which required medical attention. The suspect fled as police arrived. A male suspect was arrested for assault, and found to be in possession of narcotics. Case 990617193.

"On May 21 at 9:23 a.m., officers responded to 2600 block of Bayshore Blvd. regarding a theft from a merchant. The two suspects were seen putting armloads of socks into bags. When confronted by an employee the suspects fled from the store with the merchandise. Suspect #1) black male, 30s, 5'6", 140, black hair, short dreadlocks, red/black 49ers jacket, black pants; suspect #2) black female, 30s, wearing brown painter's cap, long dark jacket, turquoise skirt, with white sweatpants underneath. Case 990618050.

"On May 21 on the 100 block of Naples St., the victim reported that between May 20 at 7:45 p.m. until May 21 at 4:30 p.m. he came home and forgot to close his garage door. The victim discovered that a television and some tools had been taken by an unknown person. No suspect description. Case 990621304.

"On May 21 between 8:00 a.m. and 1:20 p.m., on the 100 block of Raymond St. the victim came home to find that an unknown person had attempted to prey open his front door. The victim then discovered the screen from the window removed and the window open. The loss was undetermined. No suspect description available. Case 990619036.

"On May 21 at 6:05 p.m., officers observed a stolen vehicle being driven by a female suspect traveling on 3rd Street at Evans. Officers pursued the vehicle and took the suspect and a male and female passenger into custody. The passengers were subse-

quently booked on possession of stolen property and outstanding warrant charges. The driver was cited and released at the scene. Case 990620657.

"On May 21 between 7:45 and 11:00 p.m., an unknown suspect entered a residence in the 300 block of Seneca by prying the back door, and fled with a television, VCR, stereo system, and laptop computer. No suspect information available. Case 990622299.

"On May 22 at 11:00 a.m., the victim reported to an Ingleside officer that from May 5 through May 20 he had two house guests at his home on the 100 block of Cayuga Street. The victim reported that during this time his live-in girlfriend was in the hospital and when she came home discovered that her expensive jewelry along with other small items from the home were missing. Case 990623617.

"Between May 21 at 4:00 p.m. to May 22, 1999 at 12:15 a.m., a victim returned to his parked vehicle located at the corner of Geneva at San Jose Avenue and found that an unknown suspect smashed the passenger side window. Nothing was taken. No suspect information available. Case 990631472.

"On May 22 at 12:16 a.m., officers responded to the 200 block of Blythdale Avenue on the report of a burglary in progress. Private security officers reported seeing two subjects prying at the burglar bars located at the residence. Officers arrived and detained a male and female suspect. Both subjects said they had permission from a previous resident to take the burglar bars.

Attempts to locate the previous owner met with negative results. The male suspect was subsequently booked for an outstanding warrant, as well as being in possession of narcotics at the time of his arrest. The female suspect was admonished and released. Case 990622249.

"On May 22 at 12:01 a.m., an unknown suspect smashed the window of a parked vehicle in the 100 block of Stonybrooke Avenue and took a CD player. No further suspect information available. Case 990624364.

"On May 22 at 12:18 a.m., a male suspect was stopped in the unit block of Goldmine Drive by private security officers. The suspect was subsequently arrested for possession of crack cocaine and possession of drug paraphernalia. Case 990622227.

"On May 22 between 5:00 and 10:00 p.m., an unknown suspect entered a locked vehicle, which was parked in the 400 block of Justin, by smashing the window, and fled with a CD changer, stereo system, misc. change, and an office bag. No further suspect description available. Case 990627738.

"On May 22 at 6:34 p.m., officers re-

sponded to the complaint of sidewalk gambling and found a male suspect who was carrying pepper spray. The suspect was arrested and booked for felon in possession of pepper spray. Case 990625312.

"On May 23 at 2:38 a.m., officers responded to the 1700 block of Sunnydale Avenue on the report of private security officers holding a prisoner. Responding officers were subsequently informed that a female suspect had been stopped by security officers for being intoxicated in public. The suspect was also found in possession of crack cocaine. The suspect was subsequently booked for possession of crack cocaine. Case 990626257.

"On May 23 between 2:30 and 11:00 a.m., an unknown suspect entered a locked vehicle, which was parked on York and Montcalm, by forcing the door lock. The suspect fled with misc. cash. No further suspect information available. Case 990627396.

"Between May 23 at 3:00 p.m. to May 24 at 9:00 a.m., an unknown suspect stole lawn furniture from the back yard of a residence located in the 300 block of Winding. No suspect information available. Case 990631472.

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"On May 24 at 12:38 p.m., officers observed a vehicle traveling in the 1700 block of Sunnydale Avenue with tinted windows. When officers attempted to make a vehicle stop, one of the passengers fled the vehicle. Officers detained the driver and another passenger. A subsequent investigation revealed the male driver to be in possession for sales of crack cocaine and an unreported stolen vehicle. The passenger was admonished and released at the scene. Case 990631808.

"On May 24 at 10:40 p.m., officers responded to a bar located in the 3200 block

of Mission Street on the report of a drunk patron with a gun. When they arrived, they found a male suspect being detained by the bar owner and several patrons. The owner said the male suspect was drunk and disruptive and asked to leave the bar. When the male suspect stood up, a gun fell out of his waist band. Officers recovered a 9mm semi-automatic firearm. The suspect was subsequently booked on weapons possession charges. Case 990634692.

"On May 25 at 7:50 a.m., the victim was at home in the 300 block of Judson when she heard the sound of glass breaking. Upon investigation, she found an intruder in the process of breaking into the residence through the bathroom skylight. The suspect fled the scene prior to police arrival. No suspect information available. Case 990635509.

"On May 26 at 1:40 a.m., officers stopped a motorist for excessive speed and running a stop sign. A subsequent investigation revealed the driver to be in possession of several pieces of crack cocaine. The male suspect was subsequently arrested for possession for sale of crack cocaine, possession of marijuana, and possession of drug paraphernalia. Case 990639921.

"On May 26 at 4:42 p.m., a male suspect was arrested in the 900 block of Alemany Blvd. for possession of crack cocaine and parole violation. Case 990642714.

"On May 26 at 9:25 a.m., while in the parking lot of the Super Fair Supermarket located at Leland Avenue and Rutland Street, a woman was approached by the suspect, who offered to help carry her grocery bags. The victim refused to give the suspect money upon demand. The suspect then fought with the victim for her purse. The suspect fled with the purse, cash, and misc. credit cards. The victim sustained visible injuries to her hands. Suspect is described as a black male adult, 22-24 years, 6'2", 160 lbs, wearing thick glasses, white wool cap, black jacket and blue jeans. Case 990640718.

"On May 26 at 1:10 p.m., officers responded to the area of Velasco Avenue and Santos Street on the report of shots fired. When the officers arrived, they found the suspect being detained by the victim, a

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Private Security Guard. The victim told the officers that the suspect shot at him while he was conducting routine patrol in the area. A search of the suspect yielded a semi-automatic handgun and narcotics. The male suspect was booked for assault with a deadly weapon, felon in possession of a firearm, and narcotics possession. Case 990644378.

"On May 26 at 7 p.m., officers from the Narcotics Division and Ingleside Station conducted a search warrant of a residence suspect of selling narcotics. Inside the residence, officers found cocaine, firearms and other illegal narcotics. A male suspect was arrested and charged with possession of controlled substances, possession for sales of crack cocaine, possession of magic mushrooms, and possession of a firearm. Case 990643693.

"Between May 26 at 7 p.m. and May 27 at 8 a.m., a victim reported that an unknown suspect took an answering machine from his residence located in the unit block of Coso Street. No forced entry found. No suspect description available. Case 990646421.

"On May 26 at 10 p.m., a police sergeant was flagged down by a group of citizens regarding a fist fight in progress. The sergeant responded and found two subjects fighting. While breaking up the fight, one of the suspects attempted to kick and fight with the sergeant. The female suspect was taken into custody and booked for battery and resisting arrest. Case 990644215.

"On May 28 at 12:42 a.m. on Mission at Whittier, while conducting a traffic detour at the scene of an earlier accident, officers observed a male suspect speeding and swerving from lane to lane with the headlights off. The officers motioned the suspect to pull over. Upon contact, the officers detected a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from the suspect. When the officers opened the driver's door with the intent of removing the ignition key, the suspect suddenly accelerated, causing the door to strike the officer. The suspect then fled on Mission Street. The officers pursued the vehicle for several blocks, at which time the vehicle was forced to stop for traffic. The suspect struggled with officers before being taken into custody. The suspect was booked for aggravated assault on a police officer, driving while under the influence, evading a police officer, and an outstanding warrant. Case 990649027.

"On May 28 at 8:43 a.m., while on patrol in the area of 40 Kellogg Street, officers observed two individuals sitting inside a vehicle. A computer check showed the vehicle listed as stolen. A male suspect was taken into custody and booked for vehicle theft, parole violation and possession of stolen property. A second individual was detained and released. Case 990648198

"On May 28 between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., the victim returned home to the unit block of Sequoia Street and found the front door open and the house ransacked. The suspect entered by unknown means and fled with jewelry, electronic equipment, and video games. No suspect information available. Case 990652484.

"On May 27 at 8:39 p.m., a male suspect was arrested at the corner of 29th and Mission Streets on an outstanding warrant. Case 990648405.

"On May 28 between 8:10 a.m. and 12 noon, the victim returned home to the 400 block of Sawyer Street and found the rear window pried open. The interior of the residence was ransacked. Loss was undetermined. No suspect information available. Case 990651646.

"On May 28 at 11:23 a.m., a witness saw three suspects entering a residence located in the 300 block of Holladay Street. Officers responded but found the suspects had already fled. The interior of the residence was ransacked and electronic equipment was found in the yard. The point of entry was determined to be the rear sliding patio door (pried). Suspect #1 described as a black male adult, 18-26 yrs., 5'8", 135 lbs, wearing a Tommy Key Chain, S/S shirt and blue jeans. No further suspect descriptions available for Suspects #2 and #3. Case

990650660.

"On May 28 between 7:10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., the victim returned home to the 400 block of Harvard Street and found the front gate lock damaged and the kitchen window pried open. The unknown suspect ransacked the interior residence and fled with a check book, savings book and cash. No suspect description available. Case 990652218.

"Between May 28 at 6 p.m. and May 30 at 4:45 p.m., the unknown suspects entered a residence located in the 100 block of Brentwood by prying the bedroom window and stole an undetermined amount of property. No suspect description available. Case 990659509.

"On May 30 sometime between 12:45 to 1:15 a.m., three suspects entered an apartment located in the 4900 block of Mission Street through an unlocked back door. Suspects #1 and #2 brandished handguns. The suspects then robbed the two victims of money, jewelry, a laptop computer, and other misc. items. Suspect #1 described as a Filipino male adult, 26 yrs., 5'4", 145 lbs., wearing a blue jacket and armed with a .22 caliber black handgun. Suspect #2 described as an Asian male adult, 29 yrs., 5'6", 200 lbs., wearing a white jacket, blue jeans, and armed with a .22 caliber silver handgun. Suspect #3 described as a Filipino male adult, 24 years, wearing a purple sweater. Both victims were uninjured. Case 990659474.

"On May 30 at 9:55 p.m., a victim was standing beside her bicycle at Geneva and Naples when the suspect approached her and asked for a light. When the victim went to pull out a match, the suspect grabbed the victim's bicycle and attempted to flee. The victim struggled with the suspect for the bicycle. The victim's friend saw the robbery and chased after the suspect. The suspect fled the scene with the friend in pursuit. The suspect was later apprehended at a local gas station. The victim did not receive injuries. The suspect, Alex Thompson was booked on robbery charges. Case 990660415.

"On June 1 at 1:15 a.m., officers responded to the 200 block of Rutledge Street on the report of an auto-burglary in progress and located a male suspect a few blocks away. The suspect was found with several items stolen out of a boosted vehicle. Case 990664144.

"On June 1 between 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., the victim returned home to his apartment located in the 3400 block of Mission Street and found that the front windows had been pried. No entry was gained. No suspect description available. Case 990667994.

"On June 1 at 10:30 p.m., a victim was walking on Crescent/Murry when he was approached by suspect #1. Suspect #2

"stood-by" and acted as lookout. The suspect pointed a chrome color semi-automatic handgun and demanded his wallet. The victim was robbed of his wallet, cash, and jewelry. Suspect #1 described as an unknown race male, 6'2", 200 lbs., no clothing description. Suspect #2 described as a black male, bald, skinny, no further description. Case 990668613.

"On June 2 at 6:05 p.m., a victim was walking out of a grocery store located in the 2900 block of Alemany Blvd. when she felt her purse being tugged from behind. The victim turned and saw Suspect #2 hanging out the window of a car holding part of her purse. The victim was dragged a few feet before losing control of the purse. The suspect then fled with the purse cash, misc. credit cards. The victim sustained injuries to her shoulder, arms and elbows. Suspects #1 and #2 described as black males, no further description. Case 990672517.

"On June 2 at 12:20 a.m., officers responded to the area of Geneva Avenue and San Jose Avenue on the report of a possible auto burglary in progress. Officers arrived and detained two subjects who matched the broadcasted suspect descriptions. The suspects were later found to possess items stolen from the vehicle. Both suspects were booked on burglary charges. Case 990668776.

"On June 2 at 1:00 a.m., officers responded to the 300 block of Mt. Vernon on the report of an auto burglary in progress. Officers arrived and saw a male suspect hiding behind a vehicle. Officers found items stolen from the vehicle inside the suspect's vehicle, which was parked nearby. The suspect was booked for auto burglary and possession of burglary tools. Case 990668964.

"On June 3 at 3:15 p.m., an attempted robbery occurred on the 3300 block of Mission Street when the unknown suspect entered

the premise and attempted to take a pouch from the victim. The victim screamed and the suspect fled from the store and into a waiting vehicle. The suspect was described by several witnesses as a black male, 23-24, 6'1", wearing light blue ski hat, striped blue shirt, baggy medium pants. Case 990676406.

"On June 3 at 4:46 p.m., officers responded to the 2600 block of Bayshore Blvd. regarding theft from a merchant. The unknown suspect entered the store and took several bags of socks then walked out of the store failing to pay. The suspect was described as black male, 27-30, 5'9", and 330 lbs. The suspect fled in a 92' blue Ford taurus. Case 990676826.

"On June 3 between 4:00 and 5:30 p.m., the victim stated an unknown suspect unsuccessfully attempted to gain entry to his home on the 500 block of San Jose Avenue through the rear door. No suspect description available. Case 990677824.

"On June 3 at 9:30 p.m., officers responded to the 4900 Block of Mission Street where they contacted the victim of a carjacking. The victim was sitting in his vehicle when the unknown suspect opened the victim's car door and brandished a knife to the victim's neck and told him to "get out." The suspect was described as a black male, 18, 5'8", 180 lbs., wearing black baseball cap, black stripe shirt, black pants. Case 990677874.

"On June 4 between 11:45 a.m. and 3:25 p.m., a burglary occurred on the 600 block of 30th Street. The suspect(s) entered the premise by breaking the bedroom window. The suspect ransacked the home and took various items throughout the home. No suspect description available. Case 990680651.

"On June 4 at 12:39 a.m., officers responded to the 100 Block of Miraloma Drive on a burglary in progress. The officers discovered a window to the premise open and requested a canine unit. The canine unit located a male suspect hiding under the foundation of the home within a crawl space. Case 990678349.

"On June 4 at 6:30 p.m., officers observed a male suspect on the 3700 Block of Mission Street commit a graffiti offense to a merchant window. The suspect was cited for graffiti and possession of graffiti tools. Case 990681483.

"On June 4 at 9:00 p.m., officers were conducting a follow-up investigation, on the 200

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of Mission Street, the suspect entered the store and took an alcoholic beverage then fled on foot. Suspect described as white male, 15-20, tall/thin, blue jeans, blue vest, blue jacket. Case 990685526.

"Between June 5 at 11:30 p.m. and June 6 at 12:30 a.m., the victim reported that while traveling on the 14 Mission coach riding southbound towards Excelsior and Mission Street, he had fallen asleep and when he awoke his backpack was open and his cellular phone was missing. No suspect description available. Case 990702904.

"On June 9 at 9:22 p.m., officers spotted a stolen car on Leland Avenue at Desmond Officers arrested the male driver and later booked him for vehicle theft and warrants. Case 990585465.

"On June 10 at 7:25 a.m. during a traffic stop, an officer found the driver to be driving on a suspended license and also in possession of crack cocaine. Case 990708021.

"On June 10 at 8:37 p.m., officers responded to the area of Nevada and Powhatan on the report of an auto-boosting in progress. Officers found two male subjects stealing parts from a vehicle. Both subjects were arrested and cited for auto parts theft. Case 990678543.

"On June 11 at 11:05 a.m., a homeowner returned to his apartment located in the 300 block of Monterey to find that an unknown suspect had entered by prying the back window open and tied with a camera and VCR. Case 990710173.

"On June 11 at 8:00 p.m., officers conducting undercover surveillance in the unit block of Kellogg Street arrested a male suspect on an outstanding parole warrant for narcotics activity. Case 990712533.

"On June 12 at 8:00 p.m., a homeowner returned to his residence located in the unit block of Lessing and found the back door kicked in. No loss was reported. No suspect information available. Case 990715612.

"On June 14 at 1:55 a.m., several patrons were inside the Wild Side West Bar at 424 Cortland Ave. when two men wearing masks entered the bar and yelled, "This is a robbery!" The suspects then approached a male patron and demanded his ring, and when he refused to take it off, the suspects shot him once in the chest. The suspects attempted to rob additional patrons before fleeing without any of the cash register currency. The suspects are described as: 1) black male, 20-25, 5'10", 180, wearing a red sweatshirt and blue pants. Case 990686160.

"On June 6 at 7:25 p.m., a man exited his house on the 500 block of Arlington Street and saw a suspect attempting to open the hood of his parked vehicle. As the victim approached his car, the suspect, who was holding a screwdriver, fled the area on foot south of Arlington towards Bosworth Street. The suspect is described as a black male, 16, 5'6", 150, wearing a blue jean shirt, blue jean pants and black tennis shoes. Case 990689277.

"On June 6 at 10:40 p.m., a woman living

on the 700 block of Andover Street received a phone call from a neighbor who told her that someone was inside of her parked vehicle. The victim went outside and saw a man inside her vehicle. The man fled on foot north of Andover upon seeing the victim. The suspect is described as a black male, 20-25, 5'6", no further description. Case 990689255.

"On June 7 at 7:00 a.m., officers were dispatched to the 1900 block of Sunnydale Avenue where a resident pointed out a male suspect who had been knocking on her door and would not leave. The officers detained the suspect and it was discovered that he had a no-bail warrant. The suspect was booked at Ingleside Station. Case 990689982.

"On June 7 at 9:10 p.m., officers were on patrol on Sunnydale Avenue and Sawyer Street when they observed a vehicle and its occupants which had just driven past them. The officers had knowledge that the male passenger of the vehicle had an outstanding parole warrant. The suspect was taken into custody and booked at Ingleside Station. Case 990689982.

"On June 7 at 10:30 a.m., Ingleside officers responded to the area of 28th and Douglass Street in an attempt to locate a knife wielding suspect in a robbery which had occurred on the 5200 block of Diamond Heights Blvd. The officers took a male suspect who was still fleeing on foot into custody. Two knives were discovered in the area which the suspect had discarded and food items were recovered. The suspect was booked for robbery and aggravated assault with a knife. Case 990691222.

"On June 7 at 8:26 p.m., at Andover and Cortland Street, the victim was at the park with his two young daughters and had left their bicycles unattended briefly. When the victim returned to the bicycles he saw two black male juveniles on the bicycles a block away. No further suspect description. Case 990694436.

"On June 9 between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on 100 block of 28th Street, an unknown suspect entered the apartment through the bathroom window and fled with jewelry. No suspect information available. Case 990602423.

"On June 7 at 9:47 p.m., on the 3500 block of Mission Street, the victim was approached from behind by the suspect, who placed a semi-automatic handgun in his ribs and demanded to be let into the cash counting area. The victim managed to gain entry into the booth and lock the door before the suspect could enter. The suspect then fled the scene. Suspect is described as a black male, 23-28, 5'7", 130 lbs., black hair, wearing black pants, black top, with white shirt tied around. Case 990687522.

"On June 5 at 10:17 p.m. at Mission and Richland Streets, a Muni driver for the 14 line was at the rear of the coach adjusting the rails when she was informed by a passenger that the suspect had taken her Muni jacket from her seat and had fled the coach. Suspect described as black male, 16-18, tall, black jacket, dark pants. Case 990685720.

"On June 5 at 9:10 p.m. on the 3700 block

known suspect had opened her purse and removed her wallet, credit cards and misc. items. No suspect description available. Case 990703344.

"On June 9 at 6:06 p.m., the victim was waiting for a bus at the corner of Geneva and Santos when the suspect approached from behind and ripped the purse off her shoulder. The suspect fled with cash, credit cards and other misc. items. No suspect information available. Case 990702904.

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"On June

Historic Proportions

Match clues to answers.

1980

- 1 They went to war with Iraq
 2 Popular musician was shot by fanatic on Dec 8
 3 On Apr 30, he retired from hockey at 52
 4 They won Super Bowl XIV on Jan. 20
 5 Volcano blew it top on May 19.
 6 Gold rush here lured thousands
 7 They announced Japan's first U.S. passenger car assembly plant
 8 He became President of the U.S. on Nov 4

- 9 Beginning July 19, thus was boycotted by the U.S., West Germany and Japan
 10 They won the World Series on Oct. 21
 11 On Apr 28, a rescue attempt turned into an unsuccessful fiasco.
 12 They gave a general pardon to all Americans serving prison terms on Oct. 13
 13 U.S. grain sales here were banned on Jan. 4
 14 They became champions on the NBA
 15 She became the first woman to run a mile in under four and one-half minutes.

- 16 President signed law Dec. 2 to preserve huge tracts of land here
 17 Race riot here in May killed 18 people
 18 Best Film at Academy Awards on Apr. 14
 A Brazilian Amazon
 B Gordie Howe
 C Philadelphia Phillies
 D Ronald Reagan

- E. 22nd Olympiad
 F Honda
 G Kramer vs Kramer
 H Cuba
 I American hostages
 J Mt St Helens
 K John Lennon
 L Miami
 M Pittsburgh Steelers
 N Alaska
 O Mary Decker
 P Los Angeles Lakers
 Q Iran
 R Soviet Union

R, 14-P, 15-O, 16-N, 17-L, 18-G
 A, 7-F, 8-D, 9-E, 10-C, 11-I, 12-H, 13-J
 Answers: 1-Q, 2-K, 3-B, 4-M, 5-C, 6-

Five Years Ago In the Grapevine

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*Members of the Visitacion Valley Task Force released a preliminary draft of a Community Plan addressing housing, safety, youth programs and economic development for the neighborhood

*Geneva Towers and some of its residents were interviewed by CBS on June 5 to be featured as a segment of Eye to Eye with Connie Chung

*Three technical studies, including a Health Risk Assessment, Accident Analysis and Traffic Study were undertaken in conjunction with an environmental impact Report exploring the proposed expansion of the Household Hazardous Waste Facility at 501 Tunnel Ave.

*Bay Area rap artists pooled their talents in a rhythmic extravaganza at Local 87 to benefit Girls Against Gangs

*A graduation ceremony was held June 10 for Visitacion Valley Family School's Preschool Program.

*Plenty of basketball and dominoes awaited hungry guests on June 25 for a first annual "In Memory Of" barbecue at the Sunnydale housing complex.

*Dr. John Flores became the new principal of Visitacion Valley Middle School under the institution's restructuring process.

ice clashed in the general strike's "Bloody Thursday," resulting in two fatalities.

9: In 1846, a United States flag was first raised in San Francisco, then known as Yerba Buena.

13: In 1898, the Ferry Building at the foot of Market St. opened.

15: In 1917, a celebration was held at the west portal of the Twin Peaks Tunnel to celebrate its completion.

17: In 1853, Bishop Alemany laid the cornerstone of Old St. Mary's Church at California St. and Grant Ave. (then Dupont St.) to commence construction.

19: In 1880, San Francisco opened its first lending library. In 1955, the Balclutha first tied up at Pier 43 as part of a floating museum.

23: In 1852, the Presidio's U.S. National Cemetery received its first interment.

25: In 1903, a mysterious fire destroyed the 21 year-old castle observatory at the peak of Telegraph Hill.

28: In 1849, the Merrimac made a 120-day voyage from New York, becoming the first clipper ship to arrive in San Francisco Bay.

29: In 1958, with dwindling patronage due mainly to the 22-year-old Bay Bridge, the Southern Pacific Ferries discontinued service.

5: In 1934, disgruntled City workers and po-

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Sez Who?

Match quotes to speakers.

1. "Give a critic an inch, he'll write a play."
 2. "I do not understand the capricious lewdness of the sleeping mind."
 3. "I say, beware of all enterprises that require new clothes, and not rather a new wearer of clothes."

New Program Will Make Loans to Small S.F. Businesses

An innovative new \$1 million program aimed at making loans to San Francisco's smallest businesses was announced on June 3 by the Southeast Asian Community Center (SEACC) and Supervisor Mark Leno at the Fillmore Street shop where Mayor Willie Brown buys his hats.

The San Francisco Microloan Program will provide loans averaging \$10,000 to new and existing businesses, with a focus on businesses that serve low to moderate-income census tracts or are owned by minorities, women or veterans. The announcement was made at Mrs. Dewson's Hats, a small business customer of Bank of America, at 2050 Fillmore St.

"Traditionally, women and minorities have had the hardest time getting loans for their businesses, and very small loans are even more difficult to obtain," said Barbara Desoer, Northern California Banking Group president for Bank of America. "This program is unique because it's the only program sponsored by a single bank which makes loans to entrepreneurs who might otherwise have a difficult time finding financing."

S.F. City Meetings

Aging 1st Wed 9:30a.
Airport 1st & 3rd Tu 3p.
Arts 1st Mon 3p.
Education 2nd/4th Tu 7p. Health 1st/3rd Tu 3p. Housing Auth 2nd/4th Th 4p. Human Rights 1st/3rd Th 4:30p.
Library 1st Tu 5:30p.
Planning Th 1:30p.
Police Wed 5:30p.
Port 1st Tu/3rd Wed 4:30p. Public Utilities 2nd/4th Tu 2p. Recand Park 3rd Th 2p. Social Services 4th Th 9a. Status Women 4th Th 4p.
SF Supervisors Mon 2p
Visitation Valley Task Force meets July 24 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon, 66 Raymond Ave

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At Visitation Valley Community Center: Mondays: Senior Shopping 11:30 a.m., Tuesdays: Senior Ceramics 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Senior Bingo 12:30 p.m.; Thursdays: Sewing Class 9 a.m.-3 p.m. USDA Food Distribution Day is last Thursday of every month

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| ABANDONED CARS | 781-JUNK |
| ANIMAL CONTROL (stray, abused, dangerous animals) | 554-6364 |
| BUS SHELTER DAMAGE | 882-4949 |
| CHILD COUNSELING SERVICES (Huckleberry House) | 621-2929 |
| CITY TREES (trimming) (Ben Andres, supervisor 695-2177) | 695-2162 |
| COMMUNITY BOARDS (dispute resolution) | 863-6100 |
| CRIME-STOPPERS (anonymous crime tip line) | 1-800-2GIVEINFO |
| DOMESTIC & FAMILY VIOLENCE (WOMAN Inc.) | 864-4722 |
| DPW (street trash) (Kevin Flynn, supervisor) 695-2017 (days) 895-2020 (nights) | 695-2017 |
| DPW CONTACT (Marcia deVaughn, Deputy Director of Operations) | 965-2017 |
| EMERGENCY SERVICES (be prepared to provide location and complete descriptions) | 9-1-1 |
| EMERGENCY SERVICES (non-published number for cell-phone particularly) | 553-8090 |
| GARBAGE SERVICE COMPLAINTS | 255-3610 |
| GRAFFITI CLEANUP (DPW) | 241-WASH |
| GRAFFITI SUSPECT INFORMATION (leave message for Officer Ed Collins) | 553-1603 |
| INGLESEIDE STATION CONTACTS | |
| Day watch lieutenants (Lt. Mike Pera/Lt. Dave Shinn) | 553-1603 |
| Night watch lieutenants (Lt. Tony Fotinos/Lt. Jim Speros) | 553-1603 |
| Captain Rick Bruce/Sgt. Don Sloan | 553-1602 |
| Station anonymous TIP line | 333-3433 |
| Graffiti coordinator (daytime) Officer Ed Collins | 553-1603 |
| Graffiti coordinator (nighttime) Sgt. Eric Ouema | 553-1603 |
| Graffiti paint-over coordinator PSA Bill Segale | 553-1603 |
| Leland Avenue Resource Center (Officers Simon Chan and Mary Morentz) | 585-2675 |
| Station permits (Officer Jerry Sann) | 553-1603 |
| Traffic problems and radar trailer (Officer John Mulkern) | 553-1603 |
| Sunnydale Resource Center (Officers Bud Massey and Gordon Horn) | 586-7572 |
| MAYOR'S OFFICE (Bevan Duffy, Office of Neighborhood Services, 554-6110) | 554-7111 |
| McATEER HIGH SCHOOL ANONYMOUS CRIME TIP LINE | 437-4986 |
| NARCOTICS TIP LINE (anonymous) | 1-800-CRACKIT |
| PARKING AND TRAFFIC PROBLEMS (DPT) | 553-1200 |
| PARKING AND TRAFFIC CONTACT (Tony Novello) | 553-7993 |
| POLICE (non-emergency) | 553-0123 |
| POTHOLE REPAIR | 695-2100 |
| SAFE (forming neighborhood watch groups) | 673-SAFE |
| STREET LIGHTING CITY (out of order) (Dee Lemon, supervisor) | 554-0730 |
| STREET LIGHTING PG&E (wood poles) | 693-3201 |
| SUNNYDALE RESOURCE CENTER | 586-7572 |
| TRAFFIC SIGNALS (out of order) | 550-2736 |
| TRAFFIC ENGINEERING (to request new traffic control sign/device) Bond Yee | 554-2300 |
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Over a three-year period, Bank of America will provide \$300,000 for a loan loss reserve and administrative support for the San Francisco Microloan Program. With the money provided by Bank of America for the loan loss reserve, which protects the lender from potential loan losses, the SEACC will be able to participate in the microloan program to make up to \$1 million of small business loans. Under the program, the program will make a low interest loan to SEACC that will be re-lent to small businesses in San Francisco. In addition, Bank of America will help market the program and refer potential borrowers to the SEACC, which has successfully operated a microloan program since 1993.

The Microloan Program is expected to open its office in late summer and begin making loans in September. Until then, the SEACC will continue to operate its existing microloan program from its office at 875 O'Farrell St. For further information, small business owners can call Bank of America's small business loan toll-free number at 1-800-263-2055.

Grapevine Want Ads

VOLUNTEERS WANTED for WVCC After School Program to tutor children ages 5-14 at one of our 11 sites in the Visitacion Valley area. Interested persons contact Dee Smith, WVCC After School coordinator (415) 330-8557.

A LITTLE GOES A LONG WAY The John McLaren Child Development Center seeks in-kind donations for our newly-created lending library: children's books and magazines, small children's furniture, writing and/or art supplies, educational/cultural games or posters. Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity! Please send all donations to John McLaren Child Development Center, 2055 Sunnydale Ave, San Francisco, CA 94134. Call 469-4519 if you would like for us to pick up any materials.

BEEN THERE...DONE THAT! The Visitacion Valley Jobs, Education and Training Program (across from the site of the recently demolished Geneva Towers) is accepting TANF and GA clients for "Welfare to Work-Job Readiness Training". Classes are conducted by sensitive community trainers from Visitacion Valley. Got issues? No problem! We'll solve them together as you reach for your own self-sufficiency. Feel comfortable while you're trying to sell yourself into today's labor market. Contact Ann or Mary at (415) 239-2866 or 239-2877.

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Risks Regarding Guns in the Home

When Conyers, Ga., high-school student T.J. Solomon Jr. decided to take his troubles out on his fellow students at Heritage High School, the task of arming himself was not difficult. He broke into his parents' locked but glass-fronted gun cabinet to get a 22-caliber rifle and a .357 Magnum revolver. That morning, he used the weapons to wound six students before aiming the muzzle of the pistol into his mouth and succumbing to the entreaties of a school administrator who talked Solomon into handing him the gun.

The incident was the most recent story of something that has gone terribly wrong in the nation's high schools, but it was also the latest demonstration of a palpable problem in American homes. In too many homes, that is, guns are too easily accessible.

Clearly, the school incidents have created greater public awareness of gun access and prompted various proposed legislative measures to restrict it.

Some activists and experts, however, contend that the issue deserves greater media and public attention because of the fact that guns in the home pose far greater risks for inflicting injury and death, both purposeful and inadvertent, in the home itself.

Lanny Berman, executive director of the American Association of Suicidology (AAS), for instance, points to the fact that most of the firearms deaths in the U.S. each year are suicides. Furthermore, he says, studies have shown that the presence of guns is a powerful factor in facilitating the action.

Largely overlooked in the Conyers and Littleton, Colo., shootings, for example, Berman says, are their implications of suicide. Solomon and Littleton shooter Eric Harris "were essentially suicidal," he says. While many of the media have responded to both events by asking questions about gun access and other issues, Berman contends that they're "missing a more subtle point"—the broader relationship between guns and suicide.

It may come as a surprise to many, for instance, that suicides account for the majority of gun deaths in the U.S. each year, that the risk of suicide increases fivefold in a house when a gun is present, and that the rate is seven higher for adolescents.

Two years ago, an AAS task force issued a "consensus statement on youth suicide by firearms," in which it cited research findings that youth suicide is a "major public health problem in America," and that the increase in youth suicide rates over the last four decades "is largely related to the use of firearms as a method."

"They say they don't want to look

Citing the research of Dr. Arthur Kellermann at Emory University's Center for Injury Control, the statement reported a "positive association between the accessibility and availability of firearms in the home and the risk for youth suicide," and recommended various "interventions" to reduce youths' access to firearms. The proposed interventions included technologies to keep guns inaccessible or inoperable by unauthorized users, and educational programs regarding the risks of guns in the home.

Suicide, of course, is only one part of the problem. In fact, the presence of a gun in the home heightens the chance that anyone in the household will be killed or injured by gunshot. Kellermann's research found that a gun's defensive utility is greatly overshadowed by the fact that a gun in the home is 43 times more likely to be used in a homicide, suicide, or unintentional killing than it is to be used in self-defense. Evidence indicates that guns are particularly deadly when they are present during domestic assaults. One study, the findings of which were printed in the April 14, 1997 issue of the Archives of Internal Medicine, found that "readily available firearms place women at particularly high risk of homicide at the hands of a spouse, an intimate acquaintance, or a close relative."

Other research has produced other troubling findings. A 1992 article in the Journal of the American Medical Association reported that 30 percent of American families with children keep loaded guns in the home. A 1996 report by the Johns Hopkins University Center for Gun Policy and Research found that handguns kill more than 10 children a day. A 1997 study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention concluded that American children are 12 times more likely to die by gunfire than in 25 other industrialized nations combined.

Some state legislatures have responded to these kinds of statistics by passing child-access-prevention, or CAP, laws. However, according to Dennis Smith, executive director of Iowans for the Prevention of Gun Violence (IPGV), sometimes the will to enforce these laws is lacking. At least, that's what his organization found to be the case among selected county prosecutors in Iowa, which adopted its CAP law in 1990. That law ostensibly holds adults responsible for keeping firearms out of the hands of children 14 and under. But even though the sanctions against negligent adults are mere misdemeanors, Smith said that his organization has been unable to find evidence that any Iowa prosecutor has used the law even though there have been several incidents in which children have harmed themselves or others with guns that belonged to their parents.

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IPGV has responded to the situation by unveiling an educational program, "Iowa Thinking CAP," designed to raise public awareness around the issue of child firearm access prevention. One interesting component of the project is called the Safe House program, which is still in its formative stages. Smith says that the Safe House program involves the distribution of window decals not necessarily to denote that a house is gun-free, but that if there are guns in the house, that they are stored safely.

In addition, plans call for creation of a voluntary data base that will list homes that are Safe House participants. The voluntary data base will be accessible either separately or via the IPGV web site. The purpose of the Safe House program, Smith says, is to provide a means for parents who feel uncomfortable asking other parents about the presence of guns in their homes to avoid the question altogether.

"We feel that if the project is sufficiently publicized, it will create a critical mass of awareness," Smith says, and result in high levels of participation this fall when the program kicks off in earnest. Smith sees the Safe House program as a "first step in a long campaign to secure weapons in the home."

In Iowa, a rural state with a low rate of criminal gun violence, domestic use of firearms is probably the most important gun issue, Smith contends.

"Most Iowa gun violence is not a criminal-law question," he says. "It's misuse of legally acquired weapons in the home."

Join Together Online

Insider's Account of Deadly Alcatraz Riot

Inside Cell Block D, six desperate prisoners were determined to shoot their way out of Alcatraz—"the Rock." They held nine guards hostage. Young Ernie Lageson's father, Ernie Lageson, Sr., was among them.

The 13-year-old Lageson waited in anguish as thousands lined the shores of San Francisco Bay, where U.S. Marines were dropping grenades on Alcatraz Prison. The shelling was a last resort effort to quell the escape attempt that had begun three days earlier.

Now, 52 years later, Ernie Lageson, Jr., tells the story in *Battle at Alcatraz: A Desperate Attempt to Escape the Rock* (Addicus Books, 1999). The May 1946 breakout attempt became international news after inmates broke into the gun gallery, armed themselves and took the guards hostage. When it became clear to the inmates that their escape was foiled, they decided to eliminate all witnesses. They forced the guards into a cell and shot them, leaving them for dead. Miraculously, Ernie Sr. survived and lived to pass the story on to his son.

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Ironically, after surviving the prison incident, Ernie Lageson Sr. died of cancer a few years later at 42. Lageson's book describes both how the inmates meticulously planned the escape attempt as well as the three-day siege that resulted. "Looking back, it's amazing close they came to pulling off the escape. Only a minor glitch stopped them. Such an escape was not supposed to happen at Alcatraz," Lageson said.

Alcatraz, the federal prison, was closed in 1963, but the "mystique" of Alcatraz lives on. Today, it is one of the most popular tourist attractions in California, with more than one million visitors annually.

Battle at Alcatraz: A Desperate Attempt to Escape the Rock, by Ernie Lageson, 304 pages, trade paperback, \$16.95, April 1999, Toll Free Orders 1-800-352-2873.

Propulsion Drives Soar Toward Reality

Futuristic propulsion drives that send spacecraft streaking across the screen in Star Wars movies may leap from science fiction to science fact in the not-so-distant future.

Scientists and engineers at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama are developing propulsion technologies closely akin to the *hyperdrives* of Star Wars fame.

"Many of today's technological realities originally belonged to science fiction," said Gary Lyles, manager of NASA's Advanced Space Transportation Program at the Marshall Center. "It's not unusual for science fiction to become reality, and it's exciting to see that transformation now in the space transportation arena."

The *hyperdrive* in Star Wars gets its punch from fusion—an exotic propulsion technology being developed at Marshall. Fusion combines two or more atoms to form one heavier atom, releasing a tremendous amount of energy which could be used to drive a spacecraft. The energy efficiency of fusion compares to a car traveling 7,000 miles on one gallon of gas.

"Prodigious amounts of energy will be required to go to the outer planets, let alone other star systems," said George Schmidt, deputy manager of Marshall's Propulsion Research Center. "Achieving the level of technology portrayed in Star Wars is quite a challenge. It will require very powerful fission, fusion or antimatter-driven rockets for rapid travel within interplanetary space."

Schmidt said it will also require

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Robbery with a Gun



"Consider Armed and Dangerous"

Suspect #1: BM, early 20s, smooth complexion, black hair, brown eyes, 5'10"-5'11", 160 lbs, small-medium build

LSW: black baseball cap turned backward, possible letter "D" in white on the back of the cap, black puffy synthetic jacket, baggy pants

Suspect #2: Hispanic male, no further

Vehicle: small foreign car, rusty metal color, possible California plates

Narrative: On 05/06/99, two suspects entered the Hyde Our bar at Hyde and California Streets. Suspect #1 ordered a drink, waited a few minutes, pulled out a gun and fired a round into the ceiling. Suspect #2 may have also had a gun, but did not shoot it. After firing the round, the two suspects robbed the patrons and the bartender of money. Both suspects fled the scene in the suspect vehicle.

Contact: Inspector Pierucci, Night Investigations (415) 553-9185 or Operations Center (415) 553-1071

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Clinton Orders Study On Race Profiling In Drug Stops

President Clinton has ordered federal law enforcement authorities to keep track of the race, gender and ethnicity of people searched by police in stops aimed at intercepting illegal drugs, Reuters reported June 10.

Clinton ordered the study after concerns were raised about police targeting minorities in drug searches. Under the order, the race, gender and ethnicity of people stopped for pedestrian and traffic violations, inspected at U.S. borders, or subject to other searches must be recorded.

"While public confidence in the police has been growing steadily overall, people of color continue to have less confidence and less trust, and believe they are targeted for actions by police not because of their illegal conduct but because of the color of their skin," said Clinton.

Clinton also urged the U.S. Congress to pass a bill introduced by Rep. John Conyers (D-Mich.) that would provide funding for similar record-keeping systems for state and local police forces.

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Like ogres in prosecuting a grieving family," Smith says. "Our viewpoint is that it's not so much to punish a grieving family further as to demonstrate to the community at large that adults have a responsibility to keep weapons out of the hands of children."

IPGV has responded to the situation by unveiling an educational program, "Iowa Thinking CAP," designed to raise public awareness around the issue of child firearm access prevention. One interesting component of the project is called the Safe House program, which is still in its formative stages. Smith says that the Safe House program involves the distribution of window decals not necessarily to denote that a house is gun-free, but that if there are guns in the house, that they are stored safely.

Scientists and engineers at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama are developing propulsion technologies closely akin to the *hyperdrives* of Star Wars fame.

"Many of today's technological realities originally belonged to science fiction," said Gary Lyles, manager of NASA's Advanced Space Transportation Program at the Marshall Center. "It's not unusual for science fiction to become reality, and it's exciting to see that transformation now in the space transportation arena."

The *hyperdrive* in Star Wars gets its punch from fusion—an exotic propulsion technology being developed at Marshall. Fusion combines two or more atoms to form one heavier atom, releasing a tremendous amount of energy which could be used to drive a spacecraft. The energy efficiency of fusion compares to a car traveling 7,000 miles on one gallon of gas.

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